

DECISION MEMORANDUM

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**SUBJECT: AVISTA CORPORATION'S "REVISED" APPLICATION TO
INCORPORATE REVISIONS TO TARIFF SCHEDULES 62 AND 70 AND
THE ADDITION OF A NEW TARIFF SCHEDULE 63; CASE NO. AVU-E-
06-4**

On June 19, 2006, Avista Corporation ("Avista" or "Company") filed a revised Application with the Commission seeking an order allowing the Company to incorporate certain revisions into its tariff Schedules 62 and 70 and to add a new Schedule 63. This Commission has the jurisdiction over such request pursuant to *Idaho Code* §§ 61-307, 61-622 and 61-623.

THE APPLICATION

In its Application, Avista has requested approval of certain modifications to its tariff on file with the Commission. According to the Application, the three areas of revision of the tariff are: (1) new tariff language on interconnection standards for net-metered projects less than 25 kW; (2) new and updated definitions for small power projects; and (3) housekeeping changes to clarify verbiage. The newly created Schedule 63 includes the net metering provisions previously contained in Schedule 62. The updated definitions include definitions for a Market Energy Rate and a Daily Shape Adjustment. The tariff changes also include an administrative change to reflect the modification in applicability in Schedule 62 to qualifying facilities with a generation capacity no more than 10 average megawatts, and to clarify or delete certain verbiage as appropriate. The Company requests that the Application be processed by Modified Procedure. Application at 2.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Company's Application be processed by Modified Procedure with a twenty-one (21) day comment period. This should allow sufficient time for interested parties to review the Company's Application and file their comments with the Commission. Reference Commission Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.201-.204.

COMMISSION DECISION

Does the Commission preliminarily find that the public interest may not require a hearing to consider the issues presented in this case, and that this case is appropriate for Modified Procedure pursuant to Commission Rules of Procedure 201 through 204?

Does the Commission approve of the recommended comment period?



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